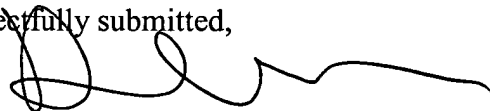


REMARKS

Applicant submits that all claims are identical to those listed in the "response" and they are presented in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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